

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

February 6, 1995

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
- Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Vice President
- Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk
- Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
- Mrs. Susan Larned, Member
- Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member
- Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member
- Miss Mandy Baldwin, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

- Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
- Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning, Operations, and Technology
- Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
- Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
- Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mrs. Caroline Venuti | Mr. Samuel Steiner             |
| Miss Claudia Feltman | Miss Cortni Mason              |
| Mr. Ryan Bowlin      | Mr. James Simeroth             |
| Mr. Paul Sayan       | Mr. Mick Wykis                 |
| Mrs. Sharon Young    | Mr. Mike Wiley                 |
| Mrs. Arlene Wiley    | Mr. Ron Drathman               |
| Mrs. Sharon Moock    | Others present not identified. |

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Nikiski Elementary students.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mrs. Betty Obendorf    | Present          |
| Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross   | Present          |
| Dr. Nels Anderson      | Present          |
| Mr. Joe Arness         | Present          |
| Mrs. Susan Larned      | Present          |
| Mr. Michael Tauriainen | Present          |
| Mr. Emery Thibodeau    | Present          |
| Miss Mandy Baldwin     | Absent - Excused |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of January 23, 1995, were approved as printed.

NIKISKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
REPORT:

Mrs. Caroline Venuti, Nikiski Elementary School Principal, and four students reported on activities occurring at their school. Mrs. Venuti spoke on integration of programs throughout the school and efforts which benefit the students intellectually, socially and recreationally. A video was shown which featured a former student, Josh Tanner, who told about what Nikiski Elementary meant to him. Samuel Steiner, Claudia Feltman, Cortni Mason and Ryan Bowlin talked about Nikiski Elementary today and its teachers, its friendly atmosphere, innovative and creative programs taking place, the intramural programs, student initiated projects which benefit the community, and changing the school mascot to the Bullfrogs in memory of Betty Leonard.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES-HEALTHY  
PEOPLE:

Mr. Rick Cupp, Healthy Communities-Healthy People representative, apprised the Board of this organization's work and invited them to attend a Leadership Workshop, February 24, 1995 in Kenai and Community Forums in Kenai and Homer, February 25, 1995.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel reported the Budget Review Committee has completed an analysis of existing programs and he presented a prioritized list of budget reductions which could be considered by the Board in balancing the budget. He noted students have done well in recent basketball competition with the Ninilchik girl's basketball team and Nikiski girl's and boy's teams participating in state competitions recently. He invited the Board to attend the administrator meeting on Wednesday, February 8, and Skills for Excellence on February 9.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MID-  
YEAR REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Facilities Committee met for two primary purposes. The first was to give the Board recommendations for maximum school sizes for elementary, middle and high schools, and secondly, to present recommendations for overcrowding at Skyview High School with the possibility of adjusting boundaries.



FACILITIES COMMITTEE MID-  
 YEAR REPORT (cont.):

Mr. Dahlgren stated the committee recommended school sizes at 500 students for elementary, 500 students for middle school, and high school optimum size at 800 students for curricular offerings but built to accommodate a maximum of 1,000 students. The committee recommended that current high schools which are built for capacities less than that have additions made to them as needed to bring them to a maximum capacity of 1,000 students.

In considering the concerns of overcrowding at Skyview the committee looked at three possible boundary changes. These were the St. Theresa Road, Funny River Road and Ciechanski Road to Murwood Road. In addressing the long range plan, the committee felt the Funny River Road students should attend Soldotna High School. Rationale supporting this recommendation is that these students attend Redoubt Elementary and Soldotna Middle schools which are feeder schools to Soldotna High School. Additionally, 30-40 high school students from the Funny River Road area currently attend Skyview which could impact decreasing the Skyview enrollment and increasing Soldotna High School's enrollment.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he felt it could be possible to consider the St. Theresa Road boundary which would involve students going to Soldotna Elementary and other Soldotna schools, thus eliminating crowding at Sterling Elementary. He did not feel there was much of a travel distance between either elementary school.

Mrs. Gross commented that a change of the elementary boundaries had not been discussed in the committee meetings, and that only the high school boundaries were considered at this time.

Mr. Thibodeau suggested there be more worksessions with the Board on the boundary issue. Mr. Tauriainen suggested the communities affected by the boundary change at St. Theresa Road be contacted for input to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda consisted of Approval of the Tustumena Furniture and Equipment List.

TUSTUMENA FURNITURE AND  
 EQUIPMENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a listing of furniture and equipment in the amount of \$98,212.93 for the Tustumena Elementary School addition.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the Tustumena furniture and equipment list. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.



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STUDENT EXPULSION:

Mrs. Obendorf commented the Board held an expulsion hearing prior to the school board meeting.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve their decision as follows:

"The Board conducted a hearing to consider the request for expulsion of the student JZ, a student at Skyview High School, on February 6, 1995. JZ and his parents were present. The request for expulsion was made for possession of drug paraphernalia, a pipe, and using and being under the influence of drugs at school in violation of KPBSD Policy 007.12. The student has a prior alcohol offense under Policy 007.12 that occurred in 1993. The Skyview Assistant Principal, Mr. Lewis, presented the facts of the incident verbally and in a written report. The parents and student agreed these statements were correct. Mr. Lewis presented a specific recommendation for expulsion with conditions for limited readmission in district correspondence. The Board adopts the facts as agreed to by the parents and school.

Due to the problems of drugs in the schools, the presence of those who possess drugs and paraphernalia in the school setting undermines the learning environment necessary for the education of our students. The possession of paraphernalia contributes to actual use in the school setting as shown here. The Board determines that expulsion of the student is in accordance with the administration's request to be warranted and necessary to preserve the integrity of the school for other students. The Board hereby expels the student JZ from the schools of the KPBSD for the remainder of this school year upon the conditions recommended by the administration for limited readmission and all other conditions imposed for readmission next year with the following modifications. The student may not be readmitted for district correspondence until he has enrolled in a drug treatment program. Continuation in the correspondence program is conditioned upon JZ's satisfactory progress in the course and staying in the drug treatment program. Failure to do either will result in ending the readmission authority and the student will be removed from all district programs.

Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.



1995-96 ADMINISTRATOR  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve a listing of building administrator assignments for the 1995-96 school year. He noted six positions were vacant due to resignations, interim positions or administrator reconfiguration at Kachemak Selo. The assignments were as follows: Tamara Smid, Principal/Teacher, Bartlett Elem/High; Frank Garrity, Principal, Chapman Elementary; (unknown), Principal, Homer High; (unknown), Assistant Principal, Homer High; Rick Ladd, Principal, Homer Intermediate; Mark Leal, Principal, Homer Junior High; (unknown), Principal/Teacher, Kachemak Selo; Gary Jackson, Principal, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Dave Spence, Principal, Kenai Central High; William Overturf, Assistant Principal, Kenai Central High; Paul Sorenson, Principal, Kenai Middle School; Glen Szymoniak, Principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Ralph Steeves, Principal/Teacher, Moose Pass Elementary; (unknown), Mt. View Elementary; Kathy Clark, Principal/Teacher, Nanwalek Elem/High; (unknown), Principal, Nikiski Elementary; Robert Bellmore, Principal, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Don Glaze, Assistant Principal, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Carlton Kuhns, Principal, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Paul Kubena, Principal, Ninilchik Elem/High; Donna Peterson, Principal, North Star Elementary; Lewis McLin, Principal, Paul Banks Elementary; (unknown), Principal, Redoubt Elementary; Jacquie Imle, Principal, Sears Elementary; Robert Boyle, Principal, Seward Elementary; Malcolm Fleming, Principal, Seward Jr/Sr High; Steve Wilcox, Assistant Principal, Seward Jr/Sr High; Marlene Byerly, Principal, Skyview High; James Lewis, Assistant Principal, Skyview High; Carolyn Cannava, Principal, Soldotna Elementary; Ken Meacham, Principal, Soldotna High; Mark Norgren, Assistant Principal, Soldotna High; Todd Syverson, Principal, Soldotna Middle; Carl Miller, Assistant Principal, Soldotna Middle; Marti Steckel, Principal, Sterling Elementary; Mark Bergemann, Principal, Susan B. English Elem/High; Mick Wykis, Principal, Tustumena Elementary; and Michael Murray, Principal, Voznesenka Elementary.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the listing of building administrator assignments as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.



PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Soldotna resident, apprised the Board of the Mainstreet Alaska worksessions held in Soldotna this past weekend. She noted that many positive ideas were generated from the community, one of them being a future bridge at the end of Redoubt Avenue to connect with Poppy Lane at the college. She noted if such occurred this could bring implications to school boundaries and attendance areas. She noted there would also be opportunities for recreational and community schools activities with these developments.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen commented he would like the Board and administration to look into the St. Theresa Road boundary change. He felt the community and schools should be contacted. Mr. Dahlgren commented the next meeting of the committee would be February 16, however, it is not the intent of the facilities committee to talk to parents, but to bring recommendations to the Board.

Mrs. Gross stated she had visited Nikiski Elementary last week. She added she was pleased to see the enthusiasm and love of teachers and students at that school.

Mrs. Larned reported she attended the opening ceremonies at Mainstreet Alaska where Soldotna Elementary students made a thoughtful presentation. She noted that in addition to a play, students made an impressive model of Soldotna as they would like it in the future.

Mr. Thibodeau reminded the Board that Vocational Education-Tech. Prep Week is February 13-17. He noted student leadership competition will be held at Kenai Peninsula College on February 24. He stated he attended the intervention program for teacher assistance teams on January 30.

Mr. Thibodeau encouraged that another meeting between the Board and Facilities Committee be scheduled. He would like to learn definite goals and objectives on use of school facilities for the greatest student potential.

Mrs. Obendorf complimented the Soldotna Elementary third grade classes on their presentation and excellent model at the Mainstreet Alaska sessions.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to Mr. Tauriainen for agreeing to attend the February Borough Assembly meetings.

BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf announced Mrs. Gross would be attending the February AASB Fly-In, February 26-28, in Juneau. She encouraged other Board members to attend these sessions, as well as the April Fly-In.

She announced the next Policy Review Committee meeting will be held on February 14. She noted she will be unable to attend that meeting.

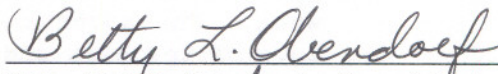
Mrs. Obendorf announced the next School Board Meeting would be February 20, 1995.

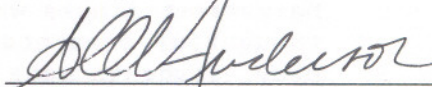
ADJOURN:

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
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Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of February 6, 1995,  
were approved on February 20, 1995,  
as written.